

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—Mar. 18, 1879. For the Middle States southerly to westerly winds, rising temperature, falling barometer and clear or partly cloudy weather, and in the extreme northern portions light snow or rain.

VISITATION OF COUNTY SCHOOLS.—The Superintendent of Public Schools made, yesterday, an official visit to the public schools of Alexandria county. The first school visited was Scott, No. 3, of Jefferson district, a colored school under the charge of Miss Mary D. Lane, kept in a spacious new house, recently erected for it by Mr. John Slater, near St. Asaph Junction. There was a full attendance and the advancement of the pupils was found to be very good indeed.

Next, Ruffner, No. 2, of the same district, located opposite the city almshouse, a white school, taught by Mr. Frank A. Byrly, was visited; then Kemper, No. 3, of Arlington district, at the old Convalescent Camp, a colored school in charge of Miss Ada S. Gray, was inspected. Carro, No. 1, of Washington district, on Hall's Hill, was next visited. It is a white school, in charge of that excellent and veteran teacher, Samuel F. Stalcup. Owing to the presence of scarlet fever in the families of some pupils, the entire first class was absent, but the others showed careful training and diligent study. The school house here has been much improved by watercoloring the lower portion of the walls. Near by is Sumner, No. 2, of the same district, a colored school taught by Robert W. Whiting. The proficiency of one of the pupils, a young negro boy, of pure blood, in geography, was remarkable. Walker, No. 3, of Arlington district, a white school near Balford, was next visited. It is taught by James E. Clements, and has the finest school house in the county, and probably, for a country school, in the State. The number of pupils is too large for one teacher, but they did well. Arlington, No. 2, of the same district, is a colored school at Freedmen's Village, taught by George W. Smith. It had 100 pupils to actual attendance yesterday, and its highest class, the only one examined, was found to be very proficient in both geography and grammar. On the way to the Village, Columbia, No. 1, of the same district, a white school at Arlington, taught by Miss Alice S. Bush, had been visited. There were, however, very few pupils in attendance, as the school is a very small one, and some of the children had already been dismissed. The last inspected was Jefferson, No. 1, of the district of the same name, a colored school, at Fort Albany, taught by Washington C. Reeves. The number of pupils is large and some of them did very well.

At each of the colored schools the Superintendent made a brief address to the pupils, urging them, when school should close, to avoid idleness and endeavor to fit themselves, by learning to work, for future usefulness. The schools of Alexandria county had already been run longer than those of any other county in the State and would be open a month or two longer. They should show the gratitude for the chance of education thus offered them by trying to help their parents, and endeavor to avoid idleness. That could be done by hard work and saving. He hoped to see them all living in houses and lots of their own, which they could do if they would be careful and industrious. The next measure taken to schooling was to be willing to live upon the product of their people's labor, and he hoped none of them would ever be guilty of it.

Upon the whole the colored schools compared very favorably with the white ones, if they did not excel them, the asking of the same set of questions in geography and grammar furnishing an excellent method of testing the comparative advancement of each.

COLUMBIA S. F. E. C.—A regular meeting of this company was held last night with N. McLean in the chair and John W. Grantland secretary. One application for active membership was presented. The parade committee reported and were discharged with thanks. Mr. M. H. Janney offered the following resolutions: Resolved, That a committee consisting of the president, secretary, chairman of executive committee, treasurer and commander of engine are hereby appointed a committee to devise a plan by which a regular revenue can be raised sufficient to meet the current expenses of the company, and report the same to the next regular meeting of the company.

Resolved, That the president, in conjunction with the secretary, treasurer and commander of engine, are hereby authorized to have a revised and corrected list prepared of the active members of this company, and to have a copy of the same duly certified to by the above named officers placed on record in the clerk's office of the Corporation Court.

The meeting then adjourned.

LENTER SERMONS.—Rev. C. H. Stoughton, S. J., preached the second of his Wednesday night sermons, at St. Mary's Church, last night, to a crowded congregation. His theme was, "The Necessity of Penitence," and his text was the parable of Dives and Lazarus. The reverend gentleman alluded in feeling terms to his former pastorate in this city, and to the many persons, then parishioners, who had now passed into the other world. His theme had been sent into retirement to prepare for the great change which must soon come, but had been called to the wisdom of his superiors, and now, after thirty-four years absence, he like to the "voice of one from the dead," who Dives asked should be sent to his brethren, to exhort them to do penance. The sermon, which lasted for three quarters of an hour, was a very able one, and was listened to with close attention by the large congregation.

MIDLAND ROAD.—Among the passengers on the Midland train, last night, were a large number of preachers and delegates from the late Conference of the M. E. Church, South, at Salem, Roanoke county, on their way home. Rev. Mr. Boyle and Mr. W. H. May, of this city, were among the number.

An extra sleeper was sent South, this morning, over the Midland road, to accommodate the delegates to the general ticket agents' convention, which meets in New York, in a day or two.

Mr. Pitts, conductor on the Midland train, had his hand severely lacerated at Gordonsville, yesterday, while uncoupling cars.

PATENTS GRANTED.—The Patent Office granted the following patents yesterday to residents of Virginia and District of Columbia for the week ending March 11, 1879, and each bearing that date: Schuyler Dargay, E. Ball, Church, Va., file case; Alexander G. Ball, Washington, D. C., electric speaking telephones; James E. Hanger, Charlottesville, Va., fire alarm attachments for tables; Geo. E. Tower, Washington, D. C., valve gears.

ILLUSTRATED.—The last number of the Police News contains an account of the recent trial of Mr. James E. Clements, for striking his pupil, Robert Lee Veitch, abridged from the Gazette's report, and as an illustration a fancy sketch of the scene in the school house near Balford, in which the teacher and pupils are represented in conflict, with the female pupils as interested spectators.

FIRE IN PRINCE GEORGE'S.—The residence of Mr. John R. Humphrey, in Prince George's county, Md., was destroyed by fire on Sunday night. The loss amounts to \$2,500, on which there is no insurance. Mr. Humphrey was burnt out once before, some four years since.

FISH.—Fresh fish were rather scarce this morning, but prices were lower than for several days past. The arrivals only amounted to about four hundred tubs. White perch and rock brought 30 cents, and yellow perch and mullets 10 cents per bunch.

FIRE ALARMS.—There was an alarm of fire about nine o'clock last night which brought out the entire fire department. Diligent inquiry developed no cause for the alarm, save the shouting of some boys, playing on King street.

To day shortly after twelve o'clock there was another alarm caused by the discovery of flames on the roof of a frame house on Henry street, between Wolfe and Wilkes, occupied by Mr. Charles Watkins. The fire, which was caused by a defective flue, was extinguished by the neighbors without the aid of the firemen, who were, however, promptly on hand.

THE COAL TRADE.—The American Coal Company resumed shipments of coal from the supplies on their wharves this morning. The Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Company also resumed shipments and loaded a vessel for Brooklyn.

Both companies have a large stock on their wharves and can keep the trade going until the canal season opens.

Orders from eastern ports are not very heavy as yet, owing to many of the harbors being still closed by ice.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Mr. Robert Perter has commenced work on the addition to his brewery, on St. Asaph street. The new building will be a very extensive one, and when completed will make the brewery one of the largest in this section of the country.

The building, owned by the A. & F. depot has also been improved by the addition of several new buildings, and it is said that there is not a single unoccupied house in the neighborhood.

FOUND.—Nannie Jones, the young girl, whose mysterious disappearance from the residence of Mr. James Fossett, some days since, has already been mentioned in the Gazette, was found this morning by the police searching in a house on Washington street between King and Prince streets. She was taken in charge and turned over to her uncle, Mr. Joseph Abrams, special officer at the Midland depot, who will provide for and look after her.

POLICE ITEMS.—The only case at the station house this morning was that of Riley Robinson, a notorious colored boy, on suspicion of stealing money. He was locked up for examination. Justice Thompson had before him James Brown, charged with cutting a chair in Justice Padgett's office. She was dismissed for want of evidence.

THE LARGEST FARM IN THE WORLD.—The largest farm in the world is 170 miles square, and is situated in Ellis county, Kansas. Its proprietor is a wealthy Englishman named George Grant, who named his estate Victoria, in honor of his Sovereign. Vast herds of cattle, and a cavalry brigade of mounted stockmen roam over the face of this great farm, on which the only remedy employed for bruises, inflammation and the like, is Giles' Liniment and Lotion.

For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro.

A NEW ENTERPRISE WORTHY OF NOTICE.—Mr. J. H. Waterman, of the firm of S. Waterman & Son, is now in New York selecting an elegant line of pieces goods (including all the latest fashions and stripes) which he proposes to make to order in the store at short notice. The new feature of this enterprise is that he has a suit made to order by the best workmen Alexandria affords at a moderate advance on ready made clothing. The services of Mr. Geo. Harper, the popular tailor, have been engaged, and he has undertaken the task of supervising the custom department, which will always be stocked with the choicest of foreign and domestic goods. Suits costing \$18 or \$20 ready made will be made to order at the same price. All work warranted, having none but the most skillful workmen employed. Clothing never offered to the public. Custom suits about as strictly cash. This enterprise is worthy of note, and should be well patronized. (10-1)

THE MARQUIS.—The Marquis Spritz Uster is entirely new in cut, single breasted, button to the throat, with genuine buffalo horn buttons, can only be had at KATZENSTEIN'S Fashionable Clothing Establishment, 310 7th street near Pennsylvania Avenue. Prices from \$9.00 to \$25.00.

FOR BAKING PANS, CAKE PANS, PIE PANS, OYSTER CANS, CAKE CUTTERS, TIN TOYS, or anything in the tinware line, call on Stansbury & Bro., corner King and Columbus sts. dec 21

PATAPSCO BAKING POWDER.

ITS HEALTHFULNESS VINDICATED—THE LAW AND THE TESTIMONY.

A certain Baking Powder Company, of New York, assuming the attributes of royalty, and with the aid of a would-be chemist of the United States Department of the Interior, have been engaged in a course of persistent advertising, and have succeeded in convincing the public that Patapasco Baking Powder used in bread is injurious to health. These assertions are entirely unfounded, and have been fully exposed by such eminent chemists as Henry Pemberton, of Philadelphia, Dr. Doremus, of New York, Prof. Sharpless of Boston, and others who could name equally distinguished names. They have also been exposed by the editorial notice in such leading papers as the Scientific American, New York Herald, Philadelphia Ledger, "Spice Mill" and others. But to place the healthfulness of Patapasco Baking Powder beyond question, we give below the clear and convincing testimony of distinguished and well known chemists and physicians of Baltimore, who have analyzed and thoroughly examined its ingredients.

I have analyzed Patapasco Baking Powder, and it is a thoroughly scientific combination. I use it in my own family in preference to all others, which fully expresses my opinion of its healthfulness. E. E. WILSON, Analytical and Consulting Chemist, No. 30 Second street, Baltimore.

I have examined the composition of Patapasco Baking Powder, and can certify that it contains nothing that can be in the least degree objectionable to the human system. It is simply impossible to detect the slightest trace of alum or any other deleterious substance in bread or any other article of food prepared with Patapasco Baking Powder. W. E. A. ATKIN, M. D. & C., Prof. of Chem. and Pharm. in Univ. of Md.

A Royal Marriage.
To day at Windsor Castle Prince Arthur, William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught, seventh child and third son of Queen Victoria, was married to the Princess Louise Margaret of Alexandria, the youngest of the three daughters of Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia. The bridegroom is twenty-one years old and the bride eighteen.

All the mourning worn for the Princess Alice was laid aside to be resumed to-morrow—except by the Queen and her ladies in waiting, who were black. Broad alterations of blue and white hunting in fustians along the passage by which the Queen entered. Then came a crimson bordered pathway, with ornamental designs of blue and gold, fringed with bullion. The Rutland and Bray chapels, off the north and south aisles, were fitted up as rotting rooms.

At Windsor Castle the staircases and state entrance were crisscrossed with flowers. The great corridor communicating with the Queen's private apartments was richly decked with flowery garlands. St. George's Hall presented a gorgeous spectacle. At either end of the hall was placed a magnificent buffet, on which was a part of that gold plate which Windsor Castle is said to be richer than any other royal residence in the world, and the floor, narrow room was lighted up with a blaze of color from the robes, uniforms and decorations. The town of Windsor was decorated during the day and will be illuminated to-night. The music at the ceremony was rendered by seventy chorists and instrumentalists, the chorists including a selection from the Queen's private band.

The marriage presents were displayed in the white drawing room of the castle, and were added to up to the last moment. The officers of the Royal Artillery presented them with a silver cup representing a squad of artillery serving a gun. The room was filled with costly and splendid gifts and works of art. Diamonds blazed in one corner on a special table reserved for them. A centre table was occupied by plate and candelabra. Couches and gueridons had furs, cloaks, lace and embroidery disposed upon them. The Queen gave a diamond tiara, the brilliant hanging down in sparkling peaks from a central wreath of brilliants of pure water, also a pearl and diamond pendant, the jewel of the Royal Order of Victoria and Albert, a medalion of the Queen and the Prince Consort, and the jewel of the Imperial Order of the Crown of Italy. Her Majesty's Royal and Imperial ephors, "W. R. and L." in diamonds, pearls and turquoises, controlled by the Imperial Crown, jewelled and enamelled in heraldic colors attached to a light blue watered ribbon edged with white. The King and Queen of Belgium gave valuable Belgian lace and specimens of the finest porcelains to be made up into several dresses, etc. The Princess of Wales gave a ring set with the stone known as catseye. The Prince of Wales gave a great mixing bowl fifteen inches across, silver gilt, standing on an oblong plinth. The Crown Princess of Germany gave a fine oil painting done by her own hand and signed, "Victoria, 1878." The Princess Beatrice's gift was a lamp lacquered in the highest style of Japanese art. The Duke of Edinburgh gave a sapphire and ruby solitaires. The Duchess of Cambridge presented six handsome antique silver spoons. The Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg, Sirellitz, gave a fish-plate and fork in a size and elaboration of workmanship to fit for a royal table. The Hereditary Grand Duke of Mecklenburg, Sirellitz, gave a silver clock with gilt mounts, a lion and a shield. Prince Christian contributed a pair of modern English candlesticks. Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne are remembered in their absence by two silver candlesticks of an old design in exquisite taste; the Duke of Leek sends a candelabra and a clock in lapis-lazuli and Ormolu; the Maharajah gave a tea service, of the time of George the 3d. The household gave a plate of silver with a centre for flowers; Earl Beaconsfield gave a silver gilt repousse plateau with a sea horse; the Marquis of Salisbury, a massive silver tacker; Colonel Stanley, two silver salt desert bowls, one of them older than the Hall Mark of the King's head and the other made to match in 1786; Lord Napier, of Madagaskar, sends a large album with four compartments of the Princess and Duke upon the cover. Mr. J. Gen. Dillon sends a bottle repousse and parcel gilt, made in India for pouring libations of water to idols, but in England to be filled with claret. The London Irish Rifles present an appropriate centre piece with spike helmeted riflemen skirmishing at the base. Lord Clonmel sends a silver box, on which he has engraved his signature inside the lid. Col. Stanbury sends a breast-pin with a sapphire set in diamonds. The gentlemen of Prince Leopold's household send a mirror in a silver frame. Lt. Gen. Parke presents a clock hung on a tripod of three elephant's tusks. These are a few of the most noteworthy in a long list of curious and beautiful things presented to the young couple.

Within the altar itself the ceremony was the officiating clergy and the bride and bridegroom. Next to them, behind their respective supporters, the Crown Prince and Princess Frederick Charles for the bride, and the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh for the bridegroom. The Queen was on the right, close by the Prince of Wales. The Princess Beatrice and Prince Albert Victor of Wales were behind Her Majesty. Next behind them were the Princesses of Wales, Prince George and the Princesses of Wales. The bridesmaids were on the western portion of the dais, with the Vice Chamberlain and the Lord Chamberlain on each side. The other royal personages were seated on each side of the altar. The body of the chapel was crowded by about 150 ambassadors and foreign ministers, with their families; cabinet ministers, members of the nobility, and distinguished soldiers and sailors. The Archbishop of Canterbury performed the service. The bride was given away by her father.

DIED.
At the Episcopal High School, near Alexandria, Va., HENRY CLARKSON MERRILL, eldest son of the Rev. J. M. Merrill, of St. Paul, Frederickburg, and Richmond papers please copy.

AMUSEMENTS.
"Oh, joy! oh rapture! that now comes the chance To see his sisters, cousins and his aunts."

H. M. S. PINAFORE,
AT LINCOLN HALL,
Washington,
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS,
March 14th and 15th.

A GRAND MATINEE SATURDAY.
A SPECIAL TRAIN will leave Alexandria at 1 p. m. for the matinee performance, returning at 6 o'clock.

Admission 50c; children 25c; reserved seats 25c extra. Box sheet at French's, 93 King st. mh 13-21

SAREPTA HALL.
MONDAY, MARCH 17th, 1879.
Second appearance of
BROWN'S GREAT COMBINATION.

This troupe is composed of Alexandrians, and a good taste will be looked for.
Admission 25c; gallery 15c. Doors open at 7; performance at 8. mh 13

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The steamer Sue is making trips from Baltimore to Choptank, but makes no connection to this city.

A sapphire quarry has been opened near Falls Church, on the W. & O. R. R., by parties from Washington, and is represented to be yielding largely and to be very profitable.

Letters addressed to the Goodyear Rubber Co., New York city; Miss M. E. Lendrum, West Philadelphia, Pa., and Captain George Smith, (Loudville) Washington, D. C., are detained in the Postoffice here for want of postage.

Attention is called to the notice of the performance of H. M. S. Pinafore, in Washington, on Friday and Saturday nights. There will be a matinee on Saturday.

Mr. Robert Beverly was in town to-day on business connected with the suppression of the prevailing cattle disease.

Alexandria Fire Department, Jan. 1879.

Column.	Revised.	Total.
\$1,200 00		\$2,629 01
101 50		133 50
101 50	6 00	115 50
43 00	36 00	133 13
5 00		6 00
2 36		106 53
101 50		106 53
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74 60	9 85	106 69

COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET. March 13.—The market to-day was weak and lower, and prices have fallen off correspondingly with the decline else-